(c) The various steps taken by the Government to improve the working of sick companies are:—

Close monitoring and periodical review of performance by the administrative Ministries/Departments at very high levels and vigorous follow up action of decision taken in such meetings; structural reorganisation of enterprises; upgradation of technology; modernisation of plant and equipment wherever considered necessary; product diversification; provisions of balancing facilities; emphasis on training and re-training of personnel; encouraging labour participation in management and improvement of productivity and efficiency thereby facilitating cost reduction, cost control etc. Especially with a view to attracting efficient executives to sick enterprises deputation of managerial personnel from one public enterprise to another for a mixi-mum period of 3 years has also been allowed.

Generation of hydro electricity fallen short in various States in Southern region

1174. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generation of hydro-electricity has fallen short of target in various States like Kerala due to continuous failure of monsoon;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the demand for electricity in the Southern regions remains considerably unsatisfied; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to instal nuclear power stations in the Southern region to meet the power shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Final decision for locating future Atomic power stations in the Southern Region is yet to be taken by the Government.

Instructions regarding recruitment and promotion of SC/ST persons in Oil Corporations

1175. SHRI T. K. C. VADUTHALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the principle of reservation in initial recruitment and promotion for members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes is observed while filling up the vacancies in Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum; and

(b) if not, what instructions have been issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) The principle of reservation, as envisaged in the respective Presidential Directives issued to the Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum, is being observed in initial recruitment and promotion for members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes while filling up the vacancies in these undertakings.

(b) Does not arise.

Profit and Loss in subsidiary companies in Coal India Limited

1176. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated profit and loss in the subsidiary companies of Coal India Limited, Coal India as a whole, SCCL and Neyveli Lignite Corporation during the financial year 1985-86;

(b) the measures being taken by Government to improve the working of coal companies so as to reduce the cost of production; and